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Mr. Greg Argel
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911 NE 11th Avenue
Portland OR 97232-4169

Re: Cowlitz Tribe Trust Application

Dear Mr. Argel:

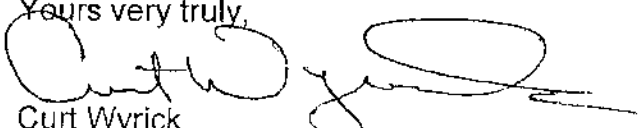
The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Washington, respectfully request a thirty-day extension to the Cowlitz Tribe comment period. This extension is needed in order to allow interested persons and governmental jurisdictions time to submit comments on the Tribe's request that lands be taken into trust for an initial reservation.

The City of LaCenter, together with the affected neighborhood association and individual citizens, wish to submit comments but have indicated that additional time is needed to respond to the pending trust application.

We look forward to your response regarding approval or denial of this request. It would be helpful if you could provide the final date upon which the Bureau of Indian Affairs will receive comments.

Thank you for considering this extension. Your prompt reply would be greatly appreciated so that we may inform the requesting entities.

Yours very truly,


Curt Wyrick
Chief Deputy

cc: Board of County Commissioners

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